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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (LINE 9 PARA 4 OMITTED)

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SUBJECT: HHE SHIPMENTS FROM MOSCOW

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1. DELAYS IN TRAVEL ORDERS FOR SUMMER 1975 TRANSFERS ARE PUTTING EMBASSY IN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT POSITION WITH RESPECT TO PACKING AND SHIPPING HHE. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE EMBASSY LOCALS DO PACKING AND CRATING FOR VIRTUALLY ALL STATE SHIPMENTS SINCE COMMERICAL ALTERNATIVES NOT ADEQUATE. PACKING STAFF IS LIMITED AND STORAGE SPACE ALMOST NON-EXISTENT SO SHIPMENTS MUST BE DESPATCHED AS SOON AS CRATED.

2. TO HANDLE SUMMER TURNOVER IT IS ESSENTIAL TO SPACE PACKING AS EVENLY AS POSSIBLE OVER MAY THROUGH JULY PERIOD. IN SITUATION NOW DEVELOPING, WHERE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED TRAVEL ORDERS FOR NUMEROUS STAFF EXPECTED DEPART EARLY JULY AT LATEST, FURTHER DEFERRAL OF PACKING/SHIPPING FOR OUTBOUND TRAVELERS WILL RESULT IN OVERWHELMING JULY BURDEN. AND AUGUST IS SOVIET VACATION PERIOD, DURING WHICH WE MUST GRANT LEAVE TO MAJORITY OF LOCALS.

3. WE WOULD IN THIS CONNECTION ALSO NOTE IMPORTANCE OF FREEING OUR APARTMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR NEW ARRIVALS. SOVIET HOTELS ARE BASICALLY INADEQUATE FOR FAMILY STAYS OF MORE THAN A FEW DAYS. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR EFFICIENCY GSO OPERATIONS AS

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WELL AS MORALE THAT WE MOVE HHE IN TIMELY FASHION TO PERMIT

MEAR-IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY AND/OR APARTMENT REFURBISHING WHERE NECESSARY.

4. IN VIEW SPECIAL MOSCOW CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE, REQUEST IF AT ALL POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS BE MADE TO PERMIT ISSUANCE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS FOR TRANSFERRING MOSCOW PERSONNEL. INDIVIDUALS OF PARTICULAR PRIORITY GIVEN PACKING/APARTMENT SCHEDULING AT THIS TIME INCLUDE FSOS JOHN WARD, LEN WILLEMS, AND WARREN ZIMMERMANN, AND FSR THOMAS ALLEN. AS ALTERNATIVE APPROACH WOULD REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER ISSUANCE AUTHORITY AND FISCAL DATA TO PERMIT PACKING HHE, SHIPMENT TO HELSINKI (THROUGH WHICH MOST HHE SHIPMENTS TRANSIT), AND COMMERCIAL STORAGE THERE PENDING ISSUANCE FINAL ORDERS. WILL APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY ADVICE.  
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